

MAT Certificate Renewal

Background

The *Code of Virginia* (§54.1-3408) states that providers or staff members who work in licensed or regulated child day programs and who administer prescription medication must satisfactorily complete the MAT course.

Providers or staff members from licensed child day centers who administer prescription and non-prescription medications must satisfactorily complete the MAT course.

The original certificate is valid for three years. When your certificate is about to expire, you must renew it to continue giving medication.

Renewal Options

You must renew your MAT certificate before the expiration date to continue to administer medication in your child day program. You have two options to renew your MAT certificate for another three years:

- Online testing (still in development)
- Classroom testing

(Note: Detailed information about the renewal test will be available in 2009.)

Renewal Test

The MAT renewal test assesses your ability to use safe medication administration practices learned during the MAT course. The renewal test is 50 questions. It should take about one to two hours to complete. You must score 90% or above to pass.

Your "new" MAT certificate expiration date will be three years from the date you successfully complete the renewal test. You must renew your MAT certificate **before** the expiration date to continue to administer medication in your child day program.

- If you renew your MAT certification **before** the expiration of your MAT certificate, you are eligible to take a written renewal test. If you do not pass the renewal test on your first try, you can take the test a second time.
- If your MAT certificate has expired, if you did not take the renewal test, or if you did not pass the renewal test, you must attend and successfully complete another MAT course in order to continue to administer medications in your child day program.